

(16 U.S.C. 7125(a)(4)) is amended by striking “December 20, 2021” each place it appears and inserting “December 20, 2023”.

(2) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.**—Section 208 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “2022” and inserting “2025”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “2023” and inserting “2026”.

(e) **ACCESS TO BROADBAND AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY.**—Section 302(a) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7142(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) to provide or expand access to—

“(A) broadband telecommunications services at local schools; or

“(B) the technology and connectivity necessary for students to use a digital learning tool at or outside of a local school campus.”.

(f) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND COUNTY FUNDS.**—Section 304 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2022” and inserting “2025”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “2023” and inserting “2026”.

(g) **AMOUNTS OBLIGATED BUT UNSPENT; PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7141 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 304 as section 305; and

(2) by inserting after section 303 the following:

“SEC. 304. AMOUNTS OBLIGATED BUT UNSPENT; PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.

“(a) **AMOUNTS OBLIGATED BUT UNSPENT.**—Any county funds that were obligated by the applicable participating county before October 1, 2017, but are unspent on October 1, 2020—

“(1) may, at the option of the participating county, be deemed to have been reserved by the participating county on October 1, 2020, for expenditure in accordance with this title; and

“(2)(A) may be used by the participating county for any authorized use under section 302(a); and

“(B) on a determination by the participating county under subparagraph (A) to use the county funds, shall be available for projects initiated after October 1, 2020, subject to section 305.

“(b) **PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective beginning on the date of enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, no county funds made available under this title may be used by any participating county for any lobbying activity, regardless of the purpose for which the funds are obligated on or before that date.”.

SA 2158. Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which

was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2386, strike lines 14 through 19 and insert the following:

“(3) **CLEAN SCHOOL BUS.**—The term ‘clean school bus’ means a school bus that the Administrator certifies reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using an alternative fuel.

On page 2390, line 6, insert “cost” before “competitive”.

On page 2390, lines 23 and 24, strike “and zero-emission school buses”.

On page 2392, line 7, strike “or”.

On page 2392, strike line 14 and insert the following:

“(iii) issuance of school bonds; or

“(D) propose to replace school buses with clean school buses that utilize alternative fuels created in the United States.

On page 2397, lines 5 and 6, strike “and zero-emission school buses”.

SA 2159. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division F, add the following:

TITLE VI—NO REGULATION OF RATES PERMITTED
SEC. 60601. NO REGULATION OF RATES PERMITTED.

Nothing in this division may be construed to authorize any Federal or State agency or entity to regulate the rates charged for broadband service.

SA 2160. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division F, insert the following:

SEC. —. TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Improving Minority Participation And Careers in Telecommunications Act” or the “IMPACT Act”.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

(2) **COVERED GRANT.**—The term “covered grant” means a grant awarded under subsection (c).

(3) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible entity” means a historically Black college or university, Tribal College or University, or minority-serving institution, or a consortium of such entities, that forms a partnership with 1 or more of the following entities to carry out a training program:

(A) A member of the telecommunications industry, such as a company or industry association.

(B) A labor or labor-management organization with experience working in the telecommunications industry or a similar industry.

(C) The Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program.

(D) A nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals gain employment in the telecommunications industry.

(E) A community or technical college with experience in providing workforce development for individuals seeking employment in the telecommunications industry or a similar industry.

(F) A Federal agency laboratory specializing in telecommunications technology.

(4) **FUND.**—The term “Fund” means the Telecommunications Workforce Training Grant Program Fund established under subsection (d)(1).

(5) **GRANT PROGRAM.**—The term “Grant Program” means the Telecommunications Workforce Training Grant Program established under subsection (c).

(6) **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.**—The term “historically Black college or university” has the meaning given the term “part B institution” in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

(7) **INDUSTRY FIELD ACTIVITIES.**—The term “industry field activities” means activities at active telecommunications, cable, and broadband network worksites, such as towers, construction sites, and network management hubs.

(8) **INDUSTRY PARTNER.**—The term “industry partner” means an entity described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (3) with which an eligible entity forms a partnership to carry out a training program.

(9) **MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.**—The term “minority-serving institution” means an institution described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

(10) **TRAINING PROGRAM.**—The term “training program” means a credit or non-credit program developed by an eligible entity, in partnership with an industry partner, that—

(A) is designed to educate and train students to participate in the telecommunications workforce; and

(B) includes a curriculum and apprenticeship or internship opportunities that can also be paired with—

(i) a degree program; or

(ii) stacked credentialing toward a degree.

(11) **TRIBAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.**—The term “Tribal College or University” has the meaning given the term in section 316(b)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)(3)).

(c) **PROGRAM.**—The Assistant Secretary, acting through the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives established under section 902(b)(1) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), shall establish a program, to be known as the “Telecommunications Workforce Training Grant Program”, under which the Assistant Secretary awards grants to eligible entities to develop training programs.

(d) **FUND.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the “Telecommunications Workforce Training Grant Program Fund”.

(2) **AVAILABILITY.**—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Assistant Secretary to carry out the Grant Program.

(e) **APPLICATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An eligible entity desiring a covered grant shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may require.

(2) CONTENTS.—An eligible entity shall include in an application under paragraph (1)—

(A) a commitment from the industry partner of the eligible entity to collaborate with the eligible entity to develop a training program, including curricula and internships or apprenticeships;

(B) a description of how the eligible entity plans to use the covered grant, including the type of training program the eligible entity plans to develop;

(C) a plan for recruitment of students and potential students to participate in the training program;

(D) a plan to increase female student participation in the training program of the eligible entity; and

(E) a description of potential jobs to be secured through the training program, including jobs in the communities surrounding the eligible entity.

(f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use a covered grant, with respect to the training program of the eligible entity, to—

(1) hire faculty members to teach courses in the training program;

(2) train faculty members to prepare students for employment in jobs related to the deployment of next-generation wired and wireless communications networks, including 5G networks, hybrid fiber-coaxial networks, and fiber infrastructure, particularly in—

(A) broadband and wireless network engineering;

(B) network deployment and maintenance;

(C) industry field activities; and

(D) cybersecurity;

(3) design and develop curricula and other components necessary for degrees, courses, or programs of study, including certificate programs and credentialing programs, that comprise the training program;

(4) pay for costs associated with instruction under the training program, including the costs of equipment, telecommunications training towers, laboratory space, classroom space, and instructional field activities;

(5) fund scholarships, student internships, apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship opportunities;

(6) recruit students for the training program; and

(7) support the enrollment in the training program of individuals working in the telecommunications industry in order to advance professionally in the industry.

(g) GRANT AWARDS.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which amounts are appropriated to the Fund pursuant to subsection (m), the Assistant Secretary shall award all covered grants.

(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.—The Assistant Secretary shall award not less than—

(A) 30 percent of covered grant amounts to historically Black colleges or universities; and

(B) 30 percent of covered grant amounts to Tribal Colleges or Universities.

(3) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—As part of the final rules issued under subsection (h), the Assistant Secretary shall develop criteria for evaluating applications for covered grants.

(4) COORDINATION.—The Assistant Secretary shall ensure that grant amounts awarded under paragraph (2) are coordinated with grant amounts provided under section 902 of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260).

(5) CONSTRUCTION.—In awarding covered grants for training or education relating to construction, the Assistant Secretary may prioritize applicants that partner with—

(A) apprenticeship programs;

(B) pre-apprenticeship programs; or

(C) public 2-year community or technical colleges that have a written agreement with 1 or more apprenticeship programs.

(h) RULES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, after providing public notice and an opportunity to comment, the Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, shall issue final rules governing the Grant Program.

(i) TERM.—The Assistant Secretary shall establish the term of a covered grant, which may not be less than 5 years.

(j) GRANTEE REPORTS.—During the term of a covered grant received by an eligible entity, the eligible entity shall submit to the Assistant Secretary a semiannual report that, with respect to the preceding 6-month period—

(1) describes how the eligible entity used the covered grant amounts;

(2) describes the progress the eligible entity made in developing and executing the training program of the eligible entity;

(3) describes the number of faculty and students participating in the training program of the eligible entity;

(4) describes the partnership with the industry partner of the eligible entity, including—

(A) the commitments and in-kind contributions made by the industry partner; and

(B) the role of the industry partner in curriculum development, the degree program, and internships and apprenticeships; and

(5) includes data on internship, apprenticeship, and employment opportunities and placements.

(k) OVERSIGHT.—

(1) AUDITS.—The Inspector General of the Department of Commerce shall audit the Grant Program in order to—

(A) ensure that eligible entities use covered grant amounts in accordance with—

(i) the requirements of this section; and

(ii) the overall purpose of the Grant Program, as described in subsection (c); and

(B) prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the operation of the Grant Program.

(2) REVOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Assistant Secretary shall revoke a grant awarded to an eligible entity that is not in compliance with the requirements of this section or the overall purpose of the Grant Program, as described in subsection (c).

(l) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Each year, until all covered grants have expired, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that—

(1) identifies each eligible entity that received a covered grant and the amount of the covered grant;

(2) describes the progress each eligible entity described in paragraph (1) has made toward accomplishing the overall purpose of the Grant Program, as described in subsection (c);

(3) summarizes the job placement status or apprenticeship opportunities of students who have participated in the training program of the eligible entity; and

(4) includes the findings of any audits conducted by the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce under subsection (k)(1) that were not included in the previous report submitted under this subsection.

(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund a total of \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2022 through 2027, to remain available until expended.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Assistant Secretary may use not more than 2 percent of the amounts appropriated to the Fund for the administration of the Grant Program.

SA 2161. Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division D, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN AREAS TO RECEIVE PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PROGRAM PUMPING POWER.

Section 5(a) of Public Law 89-108 (79 Stat. 435; 100 Stat. 419; 114 Stat. 2763A-284) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS TO RECEIVE PUMPING POWER.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.—In this paragraph, the term ‘eligible irrigation district’ means an irrigation district that is located in—

“(i) the test area referred to in paragraph (1); or

“(ii) an area within the 28,000-acre area described in paragraph (3) that is analyzed by the Secretary but not developed under that paragraph.

“(B) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible irrigation district shall be eligible to receive Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power—

“(i) subject to any terms and at any rates established by the Secretary; and

“(ii) in accordance with a contract entered into under subparagraph (C).

“(C) CONTRACT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the Secretary may enter into a contract with an eligible irrigation district to provide Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power to the eligible irrigation district.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT.—No Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power may be delivered to an eligible irrigation district under this paragraph until the date on which a contract authorizing the delivery to the irrigation district is executed under clause (i).”.

SA 2162. Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of division F, insert the following:

TITLE VI—TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY WORKFORCE

SEC. 60601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Telecommunications Skilled Workforce Act”.

SEC. 60602. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of title III of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 344. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

“(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘telecommunications interagency working